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## **AMS ELIMINATES AUTHOR CHARGES FOR WEATHER, CLIMATE, AND SOCIETY**

JANUARY 12, 2016 – BOSTON, MA – The American Meteorological Society (AMS) today announced it has eliminated page charges for its journal, *Weather, Climate, and Society*, to encourage more social scientists to submit papers. This will allow for important research to be shared between the social science and physical science communities to foster collaboration and cooperation.

In recent years, there have been numerous examples of the widespread impacts of severe and extreme weather on society, and physical scientists have been seeking ways to collaborate with the social science community to better share their research and to inform and educate the public.

Ken Heideman, AMS Director of Publications, said, “This is a vital step in ensuring social scientists have an opportunity to connect with atmospheric and related sciences in new ways despite the severe limitations in funding they must contend with.”

*Weather, Climate, and Society* was founded by AMS in 2009 to begin the process of broadening the AMS community and to provide a home for articles at the intersection of the physical and social sciences. Since then, more than 100 articles have covered topics such as natural hazard mitigation, risk assessment, and emergency response.

Founded in 1919, AMS publishes 11 peer-reviewed journals, including the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*.

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### **About AMS**

Founded in 1919, AMS is the leading professional and scientific organization in the atmospheric, oceanic, and hydrologic sciences. Headquartered in Boston, with a second office in Washington DC, AMS has a membership of more than 13,000 professionals, researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, students, and weather enthusiasts across the public, private, and academic sectors.



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AMS publishes 11 journals, which include more than 2,000 peer-reviewed scientific articles. AMS also hosts a premier Annual Meeting, as well as an additional 8-12 specialty meetings throughout the year. AMS also publishes trade books and textbooks, provides the latest scientific research through a series of Capitol Hill briefings, and advances Earth Science literacy through educational initiatives for K-12 teachers and undergraduate institutions nationwide.